How Truffles Did It.

I returned to Ashville, after an absence of three years, and found my friend Truffles grown fat and jovial, with a face the very mirror of peace and self-satisfaction. Truffles was the village baker, and he was not like this when I went away.

"Trufiles," said I, "how is it? You have improved."

"Improved? How?"

"Why, in every way. What have you

Just then a little girl came in, with a tattered shawl, and barefooted, to whom Traffics gave a loaf of bread.

"Oh, dear Mr. Truffles," the child said, with brimming eyes, as she took the loaf of bread, "Mamma is getting better, and she says she owes so much to you. She blesses you; indeed she does."

"That's one of the things I've been doing," he said, after the child had

"You are giving the suffering family brend?' I quoried.

"Have you any more cases like that?"

"Yes, three or four of them. I give them a loaf a day—enough to feed them."

"And you take no pay?"

"Not from them."

"Ah! from the town?"
"No; here," said Truffles, laying his hand on his breast. "I'll tell you," he added, smiling: "One day, over a year ago, a poor woman came to me, and asked for a loaf of bread, for which she could not not say the result of the possession of the result pay; she wanted it for her suffering children. At first I hesitated, but finally I gave it to her, and as her blessings rung in my ears, after she had gone, I felt my heart grow warm. Times were hard, and there was a good deal of suffering, and I found myselt wishing, by and by, that I could afford to give away more bread. At length an idea struck me. I'd stop drink, and give that amount away in bread, adding one or two loaves on my own account. I did it, and it's been a blessing to me. My heart has grown bigger, and I've grown better every way. My sleep is sound and sweet, and my dreams are pleasant. And that's what you see, I suppose."

Be Economical.

Look most to your spending. No matter what comes in, if more goes out you will always be poor. The art is not in making money, but in keeping it. Little expenses, like mice in a large barn, when they are many, make great waste. Hair by hair heads get bald; straw by straw the thatch goes off the cottage; and drop by drop the rain comes in the chamber. A barrel is soon empty if the tap leaks but a drop a minute. When you mean to save begin with your mouth; many thieves pass down the red lane. The ale jug is a great waste. In all other things keep with ing compass. Never stretch your legs further than the blanket will reach, or jou will soon be cold. In clothes choose suit-able and lasting stuff, and not tawdry fineries. To be warn is the main thing; never mind the looks. A fool may make money, but it takes a wise man to spend it. Remember that it is easier to build two chimneys than to keep one going. If you give all to the back and board there is nothing left for the savings bank. Fare hard and work hard while you are young and you will have a chance to rest when you are old.

The Temple of Belus.

The work of discovery among the cuneiform texts of Babylonia and Assyria still goes on. The light that has already been thrown on the history of these ancient monarchies, has surpassed the highest expectations of the most sanguine. We were regaled a little while ago, with Assyrian and Babylonian accounts of the Deluge; next came an historical statement of the Creation, wonderfully agreeing in detail with the account in Genesis; and now there is Temple of Belus, the grandest religious edifice in that part of the world, the centre of the national worship, and one of the wonders of the capital. The enrichment of this concentration of oriental splendor with gold and silver and precious stones, the beautiful colors of its painting, and the surpassing richness of its statuary and other adornments, won for it the names of the "Basis of Heaven and Earth," and the

"glory of the city of Babylon." This is the first time that any description of a Babylonian temple has been found among the inscriptions, and it thus also supplies the first information as to the dimensions of the great temples. Mr. George Smith thinks it is fortunate that the one described was the most famous in the valley of the Euphrates. The dimensions are given | Minister. These documents, of course, in the cubit, equal to one foot eight inches, English measure, and the gar

or sa, equal to twenty cubits.

The Mound of Babil is by the best authorities indentified with the Tower of Belus. It consists at present of the lower stage of the Tower and the ruins of the buildings around it. The sides of the building face the cardinal points tke those of the inscription, and unlike the ruin, Birs Nimroud, on the other side of the Euphrates, whose angles face the cardinal points, and which doubtless represents the site of the Temple of Nebo at Borsippa. It is supposed that the magnificent superstructure of the Temple of Belus was removed by Alexander in his operations over the Isthmus of Suoz-the great for cleaving the site and rebuilding the highway between the wealth of the East temple.

Mr. Smith expects on his return from Nineveh to make a full translation of the document he has been fortunate enough to discover. He says: "In my last work, 'the Chaldean account of Genesis,' I have adopted the opinion that the Birs Nimroud, or Borsippa Tower, was the tower of Babel mentioned in Genesis; but the fact of the existence at Babylon itself of a tower twice the height of Birs Nimroud, materially alters the evidence on this question.

remember well ascending the mound of Birs Nimroud and seeing the wide expanse of the Chaldean plain, visible from that elevation; but certainly, in the time of the glory of Babylon, a much more magnificent sight must have greeted the beholder from the top of the Belus tower. This magnificent temple, rising over three hundred feet above the plain, (twice the height of Birs Nimroud), and towering far above every other building in the country, overlooked the capital, Babylon, and commanded a view of cities and temples, river and canals, cultivated fields and gardens, unequalled in the world.

A VERY important work in connection with immigration has been inaugurated by Lieut. Col. Laurie, of Nova Scotia. It appears that for more than two years last past, he has devoted his efforts to "placing" children of from six to twelve years old, selected from among the destitute classes of England, in the province where he resides. He acts in conjunction with Mrs. Burt, who selects the young folks in the old country, and who finds that she can accept of about one third of those who are offered to her. She sends him notice when she is coming, and he thereupon inserts notices in the newspapers of the province, so that n this way more than three hundred have been distributed during the last two years among the farmers and others in Nova Scotia. He has a special act of parliament, empowering him to keep a constant eye upon them afterwards, so that he acts as their guardian for a term of years. So philanthropic an undertaking deserves to be extensively known; and it surely can be imitated in other parts of the Dominion. Nova Scotia may be proud to possess such a man. His correspondence occupies four hours of his time every day; and the results of his labors hitherto have been eminently satisfactory.

The Carlist war, we may hope, is over, after having dragged its weary course along for so many years. Don Carlos having crossed the frontier and entered the town of Pau, the Prefect informed him that his presence was undesirable, but endeavored to atone for his want of hospitality by placing a special train at his disposal to convey nim to the north of France, or to the Spanish frontier, the latter place being the one he might be expected of all places in the world, most inclined to avoid. It appears that he found his way to Bologne, and reached Folkstone on the 4th inst., after a rough two hours passage, and arrived in London the same evening. A proclamation in Spain declares a general amnesty to all Carlists submitting to the government before the 15th inst. Don Carlos founds his claim to the throne of Spain upon the Salic Law, acknowledged in France and Spain, which excludes all females from succession to the crown. The Salic laws were framed by the Salians, who settled in Gaul under their king Pharamond, early in the fifth century. It is said that Don Carlos intends makferent race, and speaking a totally different language from the haughty Castilian. Spain has fallen far enough in the rear of civilized nations to make a continuance of intestine war necessary

in order to add to her degradation. THE Suez canal which might have been the harbinger of a union among several rival interests, seems destined to be the occasion of a number of unpleasant jars. M. de Lesseps acknowledged some time ago that a hatred of England was the principal motive that spursed him on in the prosecution of the enterprise; and Mr. Disraeli's purchase of the Khedive's shares is said to have given him considerable annovance. Itappears that five years ago Sir David Lange wrote some letters in the interest of England, to Earl Granville, then Foreign were private; but in the production of correspondence on the subject of England's connection with the canal, by some unaccountable oversight the letters in question have been unfortunately published. Much offence has been given in consequence, to M. de Lesseps and the other directors, who have at once dismissed Sir David from have at once dismissed Sir David from his post of British Agent of the Suez Canal Company. This incident will serve to indicate the jealoney and have easing the street the jealoney and have the jealoney and healing properties render it of the jutmost value to ladies suffering from internal fever, congestion, inflammation, or ulceration, and its strengthening effects the displacements of internal parts, the result of weakness of natural supports. It is sold by all druggists.

and the enterprise of the West-if she wishes to secure her fair share of the advantages it offers. Of every hundred ships that pass through it, seventy-five belong to England.

The Secretary of War at Washington, General Belknap, has got into trouble through extravagant living and the temptations consequent thereupon. In a public position, the inclination to adopt a style of living that shall at least not be outdone by other members of the same cabinet, is one that will always be extensively felt; and therefore General Grant some time ago formed the resolution never to ask another man to become a member of his Cabinet who was not a millionaire. It has unfortunately been discovered that human nature remains over, even under the solf-flattering influences of republican institutions. The immediate charge, through which Mr. Belknap has resigned his office, was that of having received a bribe of \$20,000 for a post-tradership somewhere in the West. The charge appears to be true enough, and will prove very damaging to the chances which Gen. Grant might have for a third term of the Presidential office. The national disgrace is felt to be all the greater as the event takes place in the Centonnial year. The Democrats feel this, although they may rejoice at the downfall of Republican officials; while the Republicans themselves talk of making a Jonah of Grant in order to save their own party. But added to this, the revelations connected with the whiskey frauds are not yet all divulged; and the wife of one of the culprits asserts that she has documentary evidence which will implicate the President himself. These disgraceful proceedings, among high functionaries of the government, could take place nowhere, on any part of the earth's surface, but in the United States; and there, only under Republican Institutions.

The negro population of the United States appears to be gradually decreasing in the Northern States, and increasing in the Gulf States. The census of the parish of Plaquemina, in Louisiana, in 1870, showed a population of 10,482; in 1875, it is 11,882—an increase of 1,420. The coloured population in 1870, was 6,830, and in 1876 it is 8,296—an increase of 1,358, leaving only sixty for the increase of whites. In 1875, the white population of whites. In 1875, the white population of the whole State was 362,065, and the coloured 368,210. In New Orleans the number of whites is 145,722, and of the negroes 57,657; total 208,868—an increase since 1870 of 11,866. The population of the whole State is—whites 404,861; coloured 450,029; a total of 854,890—an increase of 128,115 since 1870, and excess of negroes over whites 45 600 of negroes over whites of 45,668. The excess in 1870 was only 2,145. The increase and excess of the blacks, it is asserted. and excess of the blacks, it is asserted, does away with the charge that the Republicans cheated in the late registries, by which the negro vote was put down as much larger than in 1870. The tendency of negro immigration is to warm regions. The war of races will not be of long continuance. People who must live together will by and by learn to live peaceably. In a few years negroes will outnumber the whites in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Missippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. Political hostility may postpone the day, but it cannot long resist the inevitable laws of Nature. of Nature.

Xantippe.

It seems that the memory of this woman, like that of her renowned husband, is likely to be kept alive to the end of time. She is said to have possessed a very irritable temper, and her name has become a synonym of "vixen," or "scold."
It is more than possible, however, that brought before us a remarkable Babylonian text, just discovered by Mr.

George Smith, the great Assyriologist,
and giving a graphic description of the have attributed her failings more to physical infirmities than to moral obliquity. The party most intimately acquainted with her, and therefore best able to form a correct opinion, gives her credit for many domestic virtues. It is now well known that many of the diseases to which women are subject, have a direct tendency to render them irritable, peevish, cross, morose, unreasonable, so that they chafe and fret over all those little ills and annoyances that a person in health would bear most of the tantrums of Nantippe were with composure. It is fair to infec that Socrates, as he returned from the Senate. the Gymnasium, or the Atheneum, have stopped at Pestie & Mortar's Drug Store, and carried home a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, now and then, no doubt we might have evaded many a "curtain lecture," and allayed many a "domestic broil," made it much pleasanter for the children, and more enjoyable for himself, and rescued his wife's name from the unoviable world wide and total the unenviable, world-wide, and eternal notoriety it has attained. Thousands of women bless the day on which Dr. Pirece's Favorite Prescription was first made known to them. A single bottle often gives delicate and suffering women more relief than mostly of tractions that the suffering women more relief than mostly of tractions the suffering women more relief than months of treatment from their family physician. In all these derange-ments causing backache, dragging-down

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